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Copies of the cited references are enclosed. English abstracts and machine English translations of the cited Japanese Laid-Open Patent Applications have been provided.

JP 10-305590 was cited in the international search report prepared during international processing of this application. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the International Search Report is submitted herewith, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of this reference.

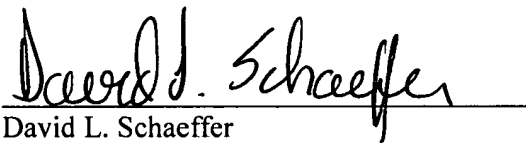
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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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